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1. LIBERAL-LEFT DAGENS NYHETER COMMENTS ON BELGRADE MEETING
MARCH 12:

2. EDITORIAL WRITER ASSERTS: "IT IS NATURALLY IMPORTANT TO
KEEP IN MIND THAT WESTERN STATES, EASTERN STATES AND NON-
ALIGNED STATES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS A GREAT MANY QUESTIONS
BETWEEN EACH OTHER IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING, EVEN IF THERE
HAS BEEN A VIOLENT SQUABBLE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, THE PROBLEM
WHICH RECEIVED MOST ATTENTION... THAT WE HAVE REASON TO WORRY
ABOUT IS THAT THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN BELGRADE SHALL LEAD TO
A SOMMERSAULT IN PUBLIC OPINION (WHICH WOULD) BE EXPLOITED
AS A TOOL IF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS CONTINUE TO
TIGHTEN UP IN OTHER AREAS... IT IS ENCOURAGING ... THAT THE
CSCE PARTIES WILL BE MEETING AT NEW FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCES...
AND THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS NEED NOT FEEL ABANDONED".
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3. REPORTER WHO COVERED CONFERENCE WRITES IN COLUMN; "THERE
WERE...MANY WHO TALKED ABOUT FAILURE. BUT THAT WAS NOT
BECAUSE NO TRIED TO CREATE SOMETHING BETTER... IT WAS THE
NINE NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED STATES...WHICH IN BELGRADE PER-
FORMED AS A POWER FACTOR AS NEVER BEFORE IN EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
POLITICS. BUT THE GROUP COULD NOT REALLY MANAGE IN THE END,

UNITY WAS WAVERING AND BOTH THE MILITARY BLOCS -- NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT -- AGREED ON A DOCUMENT WHICH THE NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED GROUP HAD TO ACCEPT, WITH A FEW CHANGES.

4. WRITER CONTINUES: "(THE HIGH) EXPECTATIONS WERE PARTLY A CONSEQUENCE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY BUT ALSO A CONSEQUENCE OF MANY STATEMENTS FROM THE OPPOSITION IN THE EASTERN BLOC... THE PROCESS CONTINUES. THAT IS FOR MANY THE MAIN QUESTION. AND EVEN IF MANY HOPES...WERE FRUSTRATED, IN THE EAST AMONG OTHER PLACES, THE CONFERENCE HAS ESTABLISHED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CAN BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IN INTERNATIONAL FORA."

5. INDEPENDENT LIBERAL MALMO MORNING DAILY SYDSVENSKA DAGBLADET:
"UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE OBVIOUS RISKS THAT THE NEAR FUTURE AFTER THE FAILURE IN BELGRADE COULD BE CHARACTERIZED BY MORE PROFOUND DISTRUST BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, RESULTING IN ACTIONS CONTRARY TO THE DESIRED DETENTE."
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